Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Black Hills State University Newman Center, along with St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Spearfish, South Dakota, is celebrating the March 4, 2017, groundbreaking of the site where a new building will be erected; and,

Whereas, The Newman Centers are Catholic ministry centers at non-Catholic universities found throughout the world, and the establishment of this movement was inspired by the writings of Cardinal John Henry Newman, encouraging societies for Catholic students attending secular universities, and the first Newman club was established in 1888 at Oxford; and,

Whereas, The mission of the Catholic Newman Center is to bring students and faculty of Black Hills State University to Jesus Christ through the Gospel and full participation in the life of the Church, challenging them to be faithful disciples and preparing them for their Christian mission in the world; and,

Whereas, The new facility will allow expanded Catholic programs, social and fellowship events connected to the university and parish life, as well as all the parishes in the area and the community-at-large; and,

Whereas, The new facility will provide more capacity for young adults to experience their faith in a larger chapel, fellowship hall, recreation area, study area, and lounge area with and among their peers; and,

Whereas, The greatest gratitude and appreciation is recognized to all that have helped contribute to this new building with time, talent, or treasure; and,

Whereas, The great state of South Dakota and the city of Spearfish celebrate this groundbreaking day:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 4, 2017, as

BLACK HILLS STATE UNIVERSITY
NEWMAN CENTER GROUNDBREAKING DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State